

State Happenings

Muskegon—Major J. H. Waldron, who has been several months fighting overseas, has returned to the United States.

Sunfield—This city will have an electric light plant of its own if plans of the business men materialize. A committee will investigate the cost.

Grand Rapids—Guy Willis, Y. M. C. A. secretary, has returned from France limping from wounds received while at work in the St. Mihiel sector.

Muskegon—With Jerome E. Turner, judge of the municipal court, as chief speaker, Muskegon workers dedicated Liberty arch, a gift to returning heroes here recently.

Bay City—Theodore Stegmann has received a letter from his son, Lawrence, who was reported as missing in action, stating that he is well and billeted near Coblenz.

Reed City—H. M. Buchanan has received word that his cousin, Capt. John McGregor, single handed, killed four Germans and captured eight during the fighting at Cambrai.

Constantine—Churches, schools, movies, pool rooms and all public meeting places are closed because of the "flu". About 80 per cent of the victims are school children.

Sturgis—Mrs. Julia Lockwood, 88 years old, walked from her home in Fawn Township to the Town Hall, six miles distant, that she might register to vote at the spring election.

Owosso—Albert Fink and Reginald Farley, Detroit youths, pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering in the night time. They were remanded to await sentence on February 10.

Constantine—Mrs. Flora Diefenderfer, of Three Rivers, and Miss Cleo W. Shellenbarger, of Sturgis, are candidates for the position of school commissioner. Three men want the job also.

Reed City—During last year Osceola County has expended nearly \$4,000 on mothers' pensions, according to the annual report of Judge West. Total cost to the county for needy cases was \$5,000.

Grand Rapids—The Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co. has just received a large order for sweepers from an English firm. This is the first foreign commercial order received for nearly two years.

East Lansing—Several scores of boys and girls who won championships in their home counties as gardeners and canners will be entertained during February as guests of the M. A. C.

Allegan—Plans for the erection of a tuberculosis sanitarium for Allegan County have not been given up. Business men here are at work devising means whereby this institution can be secured.

Redford—Avoiding a collision with another automobile, C. H. Smith, of Redford, drove his machine directly into a telephone pole. His mother-in-law, a passenger in his car, received a bad gash in the forehead.

Grand Haven—The Ottawa County road commission will build a new wide concrete road from this city to Highland Park, a summer resort, and will then build a parkway where at least 1,000 automobiles can be parked at one time.

Ionia—Verne Bowen, farmer, who, it is charged, beat Theodore Reinhardt, another farmer, so badly that his life was despaired of for a while, was found guilty by a jury of assault to do great bodily harm. He was remanded for sentence.

Grand Rapids—Plainfield Township, Kent County, is defendant in a \$10,000 damage suit resulting from a road which caved in, allowing Roy Vinton, the driver of a large load of straw, to be buried beneath the straw when the wagon overturned.

Holland—William DePledge's entire family is threatened with extermination as the result of pneumonia. A boy, one year old, is the only survivor and he is dangerously ill with the disease. DePledge and his wife died within five days of each other.

Ann Arbor—While searching for a revolver thrown away by a bootlegger when placed under arrest, deputies halted a second car containing E. T. Johnson and R. C. Sims, Detroit, who were arrested charged with violating the Prohibition Law and paid fines of \$200 and costs each.

Grand Rapids—A Great Lakes sailor in uniform was sent to the reformatory at Ionia by Judge Dunham in Superior Court. Harold Tinker, the sailor, was arrested on a charge of burglary. When arraigned before he promised to return to the training station if released. He failed to keep his promise.

Saginaw—Saginaw Federation of Labor has named a committee to ask the council to take steps to eliminate from the city Mexican labor, which is being employed by the Chase Construction Company, of Chicago, on a number of new factory buildings. The Chicago concern has been paying 45 cents an hour for unskilled labor, lately this was cut to 40 cents an hour. The men refused to continue work. About 50 Mexicans who have been employed at best weaving and were wintering here were put to work on factory buildings.

Albion—Albion College students will hold their annual banquet Feb. 28.

Ludington—Accepting the offer of the Chamber of Commerce, the Mason County Fruit & Produce exchange will erect a warehouse here on a free site, with water and rail transportation, this spring.

Kalamazoo—For gallantry in action on the Dvina front, Lieutenant Albert M. Smith, of this city, has been decorated by the British general in command of the Allied soldiers in northern Russia.

Kalamazoo—The twenty-first annual convention of the Michigan Retail Hardware association, which will be held here February 11-14, is expected to bring 2,000 delegates from all parts of the state.

Escanaba—The largest personal injury award recorded in Delta county was returned recently when relatives of John Sagataw, an aged Indian, killed by a Soo line train a year ago, were given \$6,500.

Albion—Fourteen round trips to France with a United States transport is the record of Donald Fall, son of Dean Delos Fall of Albion college. He now is in New York. He has just been promoted to coxswain.

Muskegon—State Representative Carl Young is the only Michigan representative invited by the federal department of labor to attend a labor conference in Indianapolis, Ind. Young is president of the Michigan Federation of Labor.

Grand Rapids—The Grand Rapids memorial to the soldier dead will be in the form of a temple unless the committee handling this affair changes its mind in the near future. Plans for the building will be submitted in the near future.

Ludington—The Mason County Co-operative association, organized at Scottville, starts with 57 members. It will be associated with the Michigan Potato Growers' exchange, which has 43 exchanges in operation in the western part of the state.

Grand Rapids—An attempted jail escape was frustrated by Sheriff Viegger and Harry Jeffrey, a prisoner, is now in solitary confinement. The sheriff removed a saw, knife, file and other tools from Jeffrey's person. Four razors were taken from other prisoners.

Port Huron—Dr. George Elliott, of Detroit, speaking here recently, said American conditions were partly to blame for the Russian collapse because Russian immigrants had not been given a touch of America's best life and never imbued with the American spirit.

Holland—Leonard Kleyn, 75 years old, twice made a widower, has married for the fourth time and his fourth wife was seriously injured when she fell upon an icy sidewalk. Kleyn himself is laid up as the result of a table falling upon him while at work in a factory here.

Port Austin—On account of poor health, Dr. A. M. Frances is giving up his practice here and moving to Saginaw, leaving this community without a physician. Citizens have appealed to the Red Cross society for an emergency doctor as influenza is prevalent, and there is but one physician within 20 miles of the village.

Pennville—The mid-winter meeting of the State Horticultural Society will take place here Feb. 11 and 12. The speakers include H. J. Lurkins, Benton Harbor; F. E. Warner, South Haven; I. T. Pickford, East Lansing; F. L. Stimanon, Washington; H. J. Eustace, East Lansing; C. P. Halligan, East Lansing, and H. M. Pugsley, Paw Paw.

Ann Arbor—The University of Michigan has offered to Major Edward Rist, of the French Army, the chair of internal medicine at the college. Dr. Mellis, of Foster, having resigned to go into the Medical Corps of the United States army permanently. Major Rist was in the United States on a tour about a year ago and as a physician is highly placed in the medical annals of Paris.

Saginaw—Senator H. A. Penny, chairman of the state university committee has returned from the University of Michigan, where he found the university asking \$1,500,000—of which \$350,000 is for enlargement and improvement of the hospital and \$200,000 to complete the library and \$300,000 for a high school teacher's training building. Penny was accompanied to the hospital by Representative J. A. Harris of Saginaw.

Kalamazoo—With the arrest and confession of Charles Cooley, Thomas Ibbotson and Clarence Holts, a series of automobile thefts in Kalamazoo in the last three months has been solved. Cooley was arrested at Albion. Holts is serving a term in the Cass county jail, and will be turned over to the Kalamazoo authorities on the expiration of his term. They are charged with taking, in addition to others, a car belonging to Arthur Pratt, president of the King Paper company.

Muskegon—Mrs. F. K. Lamb, of Rockford, as the result of a breakdown caused by grief over the death, recently announced of her son, Capt. Merritt Lamb, of Muskegon, in France, is dead at her home in Rockford. Another son, Sergt. John Lamb, Co. C, 107th I. I. signal corps, has been awarded the Distinguished Service cross for bravery. The citation said that even though Sergt. Lamb saw the body of his brother, Capt. Lamb, lying in the field, he stayed at his post until he was carried back exhausted during the battle.

SENATE AND HOUSE O. K. CANAL BILL

STATE DELEGATION IN CONGRESS ASKS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROPOSED OCEAN ROUTE.

LOWER TRANSPORTATION RATES

Passage of Measure Would Solve Transportation Problem of Michigan and the Whole Great Lakes Region.

Lansing—The resolution requesting the Michigan delegation in Congress to vote in favor of co-operation between the United States and Canada in canalization of the St. Lawrence River, which has passed the House, was unanimously approved by the Senate.

Rep. Merlin Wiley, of Sault Ste. Marie, the author of the resolution, believes passage of the measure before Congress will solve the transportation problem of Michigan and the whole Great Lakes region. If the canal construction plans of the Canadian government receive the support of the United States, ocean liners will be able to load in Detroit or any lake port and carry the products of the state to Europe and South America.

Foreign competition in the automobile markets of the world would be put at a great disadvantage if Michigan's factories were able to convert Michigan and Minnesota iron into steel, build automobiles and run them from the back door of the factory into a liner that would carry them to Liverpool, Brest or Buenos Aires.

The reduction in cost of transportation of farm products, even to the New England seaboard and New York, would be an important factor in improving the income of Michigan farmers. The disadvantage of the state's removal from eastern markets would be greatly decreased, Rep. Wiley points out, and the advantage of proximity to the sources of foodstuffs and the raw materials of manufacture would remain with the state's industries.

VICTORY LOAN DUE IN APRIL

Same Organization That Put Over Other Loans to be Used Again.

Detroit—That in placing the coming United States Victory loan, or fifth Liberty loan, it will be necessary to use the same organization as in previous loans and place the bonds with at least 20,000,000 buyers was announced by L. B. Franklin, assistant secretary of the United States treasury department, in a conference in the Hotel Congress, Chicago, with representatives of Liberty loan organizations from all the states of the seventh federal reserve bank district.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Franklin said that the treasury department recognizes clearly that the conditions confronting the nation at this time are vastly different from those prevailing during the flotation of any previous bond issue. He expressed the opinion that the next bond issue will be for \$6,000,000,000, the same amount asked for in the fourth loan, and that the date of its offering probably will be the latter part of April.

PLAN TEN DIVISIONS ABROAD

Gen. March Says Expeditionary Force May Be All Home in Six Months.

Washington—General March, chief of staff, informed the senate military committee that shipping arrangements had been made by which 300,000 men might be transported home monthly and that all of the American expeditionary force could be returned home and demobilized within six months.

There are still about 785,000 men in camp in the United States and all will be demobilized within a month from today, except those retained for "overhead" duty, General March added. Up to noon last Saturday, he said, 104,000 men had arrived from overseas.

How many Americans will be held abroad in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, General March stated, but more Americans already have been designated for return home than originally proposed by Marshal Foch. He indicated that 10 divisions had been suggested as America's contribution to the army of occupation.

Formation of League to Start Soon.

Paris—A universal conference of all states desiring to participate in a league of nations will be final act in the formation of the league, Leon Bourgeois, the French authority on a league of nations, declared. This conference would be held after the peace conference had approved the scheme now being drafted by representatives of the great allied and associated powers. The universal conference will pass upon the admission of each state into the league.

CADY UNOPPOSED AS STATE G. O. P. LEADER

Republicans Hold Convention Feb. 18. and Democrats Feb. 21, At Lansing.

Lansing—William H. Wallace, of Saginaw, has sent letters to friends in various parts of the state to the effect that he will not be a candidate for chairman of the Republican state central committee at the Republican state convention in Lansing February 18.

The decision of Wallace not to be a candidate means that Burt D. Cady, of Port Huron, who was elected chairman of the committee to succeed the late John D. Mangum, will be unopposed for re-election at the state convention.

Albert E. Stevenson, of Port Huron, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, announced that the Democratic state convention will be held in Lansing February 21. Democratic county conventions will be held February 18.

According to Chairman Stevenson the Democrats will nominate a woman for the office of superintendent of public instruction to oppose Fred L. Keeler, of Mt. Pleasant, who has no opposition for renomination on the Republican ticket.

HARDWARE MEN'S CONVENTION

Kalamazoo Meeting Promises to Break All Records for Attendance.

Kalamazoo—Everything is in readiness for the 25th annual convention of the Michigan Retail Hardware Association, which will be held here February 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Advices reaching Secretary Arthur J. Scott, at Marine City, from all parts of Michigan indicate record-breaking attendance at the forthcoming show. Retail hardwaremen of the state look forward to the meeting with keen enthusiasm as important matters of post war interest to the retail trade will be up for consideration. The business sessions will be held in the Auditorium; the exhibits will be located in the National Guard Armory. Local retailers have arranged a big card of entertainment features for the visitors.

GOFF IS NAMED WAYNE JURIST

Appointed By Governor Sleeper to Fill Place of Judge Murphy.

Detroit—Governor Sleeper put a speedy end to speculation over the successor to Circuit Judge Alfred J. Murphy, whose resignation was sent in Monday, to take effect February 17. John H. Goff, veteran Detroit lawyer and one of the Detroit Bar association's candidates for nomination last fall, was named for the position by the governor.

Mr. Goff led the field by a wide margin in the lawyers' primary held by the bar association last summer as an advisory test for the voters, but declined to make an active personal canvass for the judicial position and fell behind in the primary.

TELEPHONE LINES LOSE FIGHT

Injunction to Bar Raise in Phone Rates Substantiated By High Court.

Lansing—The Michigan State Telephone company lost another round in its battle to increase rates at its Detroit exchanges when the supreme court denied the company's petition for an order to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue restraining Judge Howard Wiest, of the Ingham circuit court, from putting into effect his restraining order which prevents the company from increasing its rates. This means that the appeal from Judge Wiest's decision must take its regular course and the company can appeal in the regular manner at the next term of court.

ROAD FUND MAY BE INCREASED

Michigan's Share \$2,175,000 in Bill Reported Favorable By Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Under a bill reported favorably by the senate committee on postoffices and post-roads, federal appropriations to supplement state expenditures on roads are largely increased.

In the case of Michigan, \$2,175,000 would have available for the five-year period ending June 30, 1921, by the provisions of the present laws, but the bill just reported would raise the amount to \$7,964,000, by increasing the appropriations for two fiscal years yet to come.

Wilson Hopes to Visit Brussels.

Paris—President Wilson's present plans indicate he still hopes to visit Brussels before sailing for home and will make the trip at the last possible moment previous to his departure. Various dates have been suggested, but none of them has proved available. Facts are, the president was prevented from going to Belgium this month because of important matters coming up at the peace conference, but if present plans hold, he will be able to visit Brussels before sailing from Brest.

SEEK \$14,000,000 FOR INSTITUTIONS

APPROPRIATION BILLS TO RAISE FUNDS DRAWN BY BUDGET COMMISSION.

INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES

Michigan Agricultural College At East Lansing Asks \$1,120,000 for Current Expenses.

Lansing—Appropriation bills to raise funds for current expenses at various state institutions were introduced in both branches of the legislature. The bills were drawn by the budget commission. The appropriations:

State Normal college, Ypsilanti, \$553,592.82; Central Michigan Normal school, Mt. Pleasant, \$232,960.60; Western State Normal school, Kalamazoo, \$408,250; Northern State Normal school, Marquette, \$196,241.74; Michigan College of Mines, Houghton, \$183,698; Michigan School for the Deaf, Flint, \$306,421.60; Michigan School for the Blind, Lansing, \$132,761.10; Michigan Employment Institution for the Blind, Saginaw, \$108,624.34; State Public school, Coldwater, \$160,189; Industrial School for Boys, Lansing, \$376,027.02; Industrial Home for Girls, Adrian, \$213,348; Michigan Soldiers' home, Grand Rapids, \$471,581; Kalamazoo State hospital, Kalamazoo, \$1,344,798.78; Pontiac State hospital, Pontiac, \$931,369.84; State Psychopathic hospital, Ann Arbor, \$95,678; Traverse City State hospital, \$339,370; Newberry \$553,495; Michigan Home and Training school, Lapeer, \$721,652; Michigan Farm Colony for Epileptics, Wahjama, \$133,175; Ionia State hospital, Ionia, \$276,941.40; Michigan reformatory, Ionia, \$301,740; State sanatorium, Howell, \$211,465; Marquette prison, Marquette, \$237,875; public domain commission, \$261,806; state game fish and forest fire department, \$667,225.46; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, \$2,100,000; Michigan State prison (maintenance), Jackson, \$892,080; Michigan Agricultural college, East Lansing, \$1,120,000.

RUM THUGS FIRE ON OFFICERS

Colonel Vandercook Has Ordered Armored Car On Monroe Roads.

Lansing—Desperate attempts within the last three or four days to kill members of the state constabulary on the Monroe road have caused Colonel Vandercook to order to Monroe the state's armored automobile and it will be used from now on to stop rum runners.

For the past few days the shooting up of squads and pairs of guards has been attempted by several cars filled with Toledo thugs, a truck carrying four members of the constabulary between two carloads of rumrunners and men in both opened fire on the state officers. Recently more shots were fired at the policemen and it is thought that with the aid of the armored car, which will carry several men, troopers can get closer to their quarry.

The situation on the border now, according to Colonel Vandercook, is worse than it ever has been. Since the national prohibition amendment passed, the runners have been buying larger quantities of liquor in Toledo, apparently figuring that the guarding of the border would be relaxed.

Known crooks from Toledo are now driving the cars, each car carrying an experienced gunman.

AMERICAN LOSSES ARE SMALL

Bolshevik Failed to Drive U. S. Boys From Positions At Tulgas.

Archangel—The offensive of the bolsheviks, which forced the evacuation of Shenkurst by American troops, composed mostly of the Three Hundred and Thirty-ninth Infantry (Detroit's Own), was stopped by the Americans when American and loyal Russian troops drove back the bolsheviks, capturing prisoners and dispersing the enemy patrol.

The losses in retreating from Shenkurst were very light. The bolsheviks followed the Americans to five miles south of Shegovarsk. The attempt to drive the Americans from their positions at Tulgas on the Dvina failed. A brisk artillery fire continues, the enemy shelling Tarevo, 40 miles east of Shenkurst, and appears to be preparing another attack. Captured bolsheviks say a general attack is planned.

New British Parliament Meets Feb. 11.

London—The new British parliament, according to present plans, will meet February 11 with Prime Minister Lloyd George and Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the house of commons, attending. The time used in giving the oath to members will be shortened and it is expected that an hour after the sessions both houses will assemble to hear the speech from the throne. Sir James Lowther will be re-elected speaker of the house of commons.

LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

BUDGET MEASURE WILL BE FIRST OF BIG BILLS TO GET ACTION IN LEGISLATURE.

FIRST BILL REPORTED IN SENATE

Bill Introduced to Prohibit False Or Deceptive Advertising By Employers Seeking New Employees.

By William Lee Calnon.

Lansing, Mich.—The bill to establish a budget system for the state of Michigan will be the first of the big measures of the year to get consideration in the legislature. The last legislature argued through nearly its whole session about what kind of a budget system to inaugurate and finally left the matter to a commission to be appointed by the governor and to report its findings to this legislature.

The bill based on the report of this commission was the first one introduced in the senate when the session opened. The prospect is that some sort of budget system will be established, nearly every one being agreed on the need of one. But agreement stops there, and much argument is going on among legislators on what the actual provisions of the bill should be. As a result there probably will be much debating of every phase of the proposed law.

However, the senate finance committee has decided to go ahead with the matter and after several hearings to report out the bill and give the arguments a chance to start before the legislative calendar becomes crowded with a lot of other matters.

A bill making numerous important changes in the present law governing the issuance of motor car licenses has been prepared under the direction of Secretary of State Vaughan and introduced in the house. The chief change is in the license rates, the straight horsepower and weight tax being changed into a group system under which all cars of less than 25 horsepower would pay \$10 annual tax. Cars of 25 to 35 horsepower would pay \$15. Cars of 35 to 45 horsepower would pay \$20. Those above 45 horsepower would pay \$25. Electric cars under 4,000 pounds weight would pay \$12 and those over that weight would pay \$15.

All commercial cars would be rated at 25 cents per 100 pounds, eliminating vehicles would be allowed. Those under 2,000 pounds would pay \$5 for the first trailer and \$3 for the second. Both would pay \$10 when the weight exceeds 2,000 pounds.

Other changes provide that dealers and garages must keep records of all purchases and sales and make monthly reports to the secretary of state. Cars parked in highways at night must have both front and rear lights. Regulations governing chauffeurs are made more stringent and licenses are refused those who use drugs or intoxicants. The secretary of state is given authority to hire inspectors to assist the police in detecting violations of the law. They would have the same power as deputy sheriffs and could enter garages, factories and all public places looking for violations. Licenses could be revoked by the secretary of state for conviction of owners or drivers of cars of violations of the law. The secretary of state also would be given authority to open temporary offices in various parts of the state to facilitate the sale and delivery of license plates.

A memorial to congress urging joint action with Canada by the United States in building canals from the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence that would permit the passage of oceangoing ships from the Atlantic to the lakes, is proposed by Rep. Merlin Wiley, of the Soo, in a concurrent resolution introduced in the house. The resolution points out the tremendous meaning to the entire lakes' district of such free passage of ocean ships.

Rep. Drummond has introduced a bill to prohibit false or deceptive advertising by employers seeking new employees. The bill provides that it would be deceptive advertising not to mention that a strike lock-out or labor trouble was in progress when it did exist. Workers' organizations means who found that a strike or other trouble existed could sue for damages in the civil courts and the advertiser would be subject to a penalty of \$1,000 fine or one year's imprisonment. Another labor bill by Rep. Drummond provides that conductors and motor men on interurban and city lines must not be made to work more than six days out of any seven except in cases of emergency.

Chairman O'Brien, of the house insurance committee, has introduced three bills for the state insurance department. One asks that the insurance commissioner's term of office be four years instead of two years. Another raises the commissioner's salary from \$3,500 a year to \$5,000 and the salary of his deputy from \$2,500 to \$3,000. The third is to raise the deputy state fire marshal from \$2,000 a year to \$2,500.

The legislature, after fussing around for a week over an error in its resolution of January 2 ratifying national prohibition, has had to ratify it over again in order to have Michigan listed down in Washington as in favor of it. An effort by Rep. Lewis to have a resolution instructing the clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate to correct the language of the original resolution, fell down in the house. The members felt misled over the first error and wanted to be sure that it was not being steered wrongly a second time.

An opinion therefore was sought from the attorney general's office and Deputy Attorney General Doherty informed the members that in his opinion the original ratification was a nullity, the exact amendment submitted by congress not having been passed. The only logical thing to do, he held, was to forget the first vote and do it all over. His advice was accepted. The vote was unchanged from that of January 2, except that about twenty house members were away on visits to state institutions. Among them was Rep. Daprat, one of the three "no" voters of the legislature. The other two "noes", Rep. Fred J. White, of Detroit, and Rep. John Holland, of Gogebic, stuck to their old vote.

The net result of the bobbles over the original resolution is that Michigan loses its rank as the sixteenth state to ratify and lands somewhere along about fortieth in the list of states.

Two big state commissions have made their reports to the legislature and submitted bills based on their findings. One is from the budget commission and the other from the compensation law commission.

The latter recommends increasing weekly compensation from the \$10 and \$4 maximum and minimum to \$14 and \$7; increasing the percentage of compensation from 50 to 60 per cent of the weekly wage; extending medical attention to three months; reducing the waiting period, for compensation to start, to the eighth day; increasing total disability maximum from \$4,000 to \$6,000, to be paid in 500 weeks, as now; and allowing the state accident board, in its discretion, to extend payments in partial disability cases beyond 300 weeks.

The budget commission recommends standardizing salaries and wages paid by the state. It shows that some of the most important of the state's responsibilities are in the hands of men who are only paid \$2,500 to \$2,800 a year, and that justices of the supreme court are paid still on a basis fixed in 1893, getting less than many circuit judges in the state are paid.

The state's expenses for food, clothing and coal at state institutions are due to fall at less than ten per cent in 1919 and twenty per cent in 1920 on food and clothing, and from twenty to thirty-five per cent on coal, owing to the end of the war, it is stated, and these reductions were taken into account in estimating expense for the coming two years.

Highway development is especially urged by the commission, which made liberal allowance for this in its estimates owing to the wide demand for good roads. A uniform accounting system is absolutely necessary to a successful budget system, the report declares.

Rep. Aldrich has introduced a joint resolution to amend the constitution so that counties may, by referendum vote, abolish boards of supervisors and substitute the commission form of government. Senator Scully would have the constitution amended so that the state may establish an income tax. Rep. Weissert has put in the bill to make the state constabulary a permanent institution. Rep. Toepel wants a constitutional amendment to make voting compulsory.

Senator Tufts wants the senate to adopt a bill for a preprimary convention to be held in June of each primary year, so that each political party may recommend candidates for state offices to the primary voters. Several other bills have been put in to repeal laws allowing women to vote on bond issues, for school officials, and for presidential electors, these being deadwood now that women have gained full suffrage.

The legislature has passed and sent to the governor the Connolly amendment to the constitution empowering the state to issue bonds up to \$50,000,000 limit for good road purposes. This amendment now is sure of a place on the ballot at the election in April.

Rep. Lewis introduced the mortgage tax bill, which would call for an annual tax on mortgages of 50 cents per \$100. Similar bills have been up in recent legislatures and all caused considerable battling.

Rep. Jensen has introduced a bill to make it a felony for any one to display a red flag as a symbol of anarchy or socialism. Violations would be punishable by fines up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for as long as five years.

A bill to empower boards of supervisors to raise money by general taxation to care for war activities and war charities during 1919, or to make up deficits, has been introduced in the house by Rep. Watson.